

REMARKS

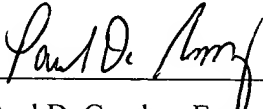
Claims 1-17 are pending in the present patent application.

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 have been amended and claims 16 and 17 have been added to clarify Applicant's claimed invention. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the specification at least at p. 7, ln. 19-28 and p. 8, ln. 22-23.

It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-17 are patentable over the previously cited and relied upon references of record, and allowance of claims 1-17 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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